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Locating and obtaining finance for your social enterprise can be complicated, yet as with any business, is a key area that you will need to spend a considerable amount of time researching in order to convert your ideas into a viable and sustainable business, in order to meet your social and environmental objectives.

As a starting point, we **strongly** recommend that you contacted your local social enterprise network (<http://www.se2partnership.co.uk/networks.asp>), which will be able to offer you access to practical advice and support and guide you through the process.

A lack of access to appropriate finance can be a significant barrier to the growth of your business, therefore research is key and there are many websites set up to inform and signpost you to possible sources of funding. The following external web links are by no means a complete list of funding providers, but may be a good starting point for your research. We will update and add to this list on a regular basis!

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## Local Schemes

The sections below are broken down by geographical area covering the South East – Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex. The schemes listed vary in terms of eligibility criteria, therefore it is essential that you research them thoroughly to see if they apply to you.

### Berkshire:

#### Local councils:

(county, city, borough and district councils and unitary authorities) – worth keeping an eye on their websites, as some have small pots of funding available for community based projects.

Bracknell Forest Borough Council	<a href="http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk">www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk</a>
Reading Borough Council	<a href="http://www.reading.gov.uk/">www.reading.gov.uk/</a>
Slough Borough Council	<a href="http://www.slough.gov.uk">www.slough.gov.uk</a>
West Berkshire Council	<a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk">www.westberks.gov.uk</a>
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	<a href="http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/">www.rbwm.gov.uk/</a>
Wokingham Borough Council	<a href="http://www.wokingham.gov.uk">www.wokingham.gov.uk</a>

#### Other Berkshire schemes:

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### Buckinghamshire:

#### Local councils:

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Aylesbury Vale District Council	<a href="http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/">www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/</a>
Buckinghamshire County Council	<a href="http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/">www.buckscc.gov.uk/</a>



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<b>Chiltern District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.chiltern.gov.uk">www.chiltern.gov.uk</a>
<b>Milton Keynes Council</b>	<a href="http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk">www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk</a>
<b>South Bucks District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.southbucks.gov.uk">www.southbucks.gov.uk</a>
<b>Wycombe District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.wycombe.gov.uk">www.wycombe.gov.uk</a>

### Other Buckinghamshire schemes:

Scheme	Details

### East Sussex:

#### Local councils:

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<b>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk</a>
<b>East Sussex County Council</b>	<a href="http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk">www.eastsussex.gov.uk</a>
<b>Eastbourne Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk">www.eastbourne.gov.uk</a>
<b>Hastings Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.hastings.gov.uk">www.hastings.gov.uk</a>
<b>Lewes District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.lewes.gov.uk">www.lewes.gov.uk</a>
<b>Rother District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.rother.gov.uk">www.rother.gov.uk</a>
<b>Wealden District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.wealden.gov.uk">www.wealden.gov.uk</a>

### Other East Sussex schemes:

Scheme	Details
<b>Capitalise Business Support</b> <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a>	Capitalise Business Support Limited is a not for private profit Community Development Finance initiative supporting new and existing businesses in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.  A subsidiary of Ten Sixty Six Enterprise in Hastings, they offer flexible business loan facilities together with on-going business advice and support from a business mentor:-



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Business Loan for amounts of £1,000 to £10,000 aimed at start-ups and existing SME's or social enterprises who are unable to access the finance they require from their bank. Repayment period 6 months to 3 years.</li> <li>• Hastings Working Capital Loan to support businesses through cash flow difficulties when they cannot access any, or sufficient, funding from their bank. Repayment period up to 2 years.</li> <li>• Enterprise Finance Guarantee Loan for amounts between £10,000 &amp; £30,000 aimed at profitable and growing established SME's and social enterprises. Repayment period 3months to 10 years.</li> </ul> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a> Telephone 0845 6018326 Email <a href="mailto:info@capitalise.org">info@capitalise.org</a></p>
<b>The Hasting Working Capital Loan</b> <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a>	The Hastings Working Capital Loan is a short term (up to two years) loan facility to support businesses in the Hastings Borough, through cash flow difficulties when they cannot access any, or sufficient, funding from usual borrowing sources, such as banks. The fund can provide loans of a £1,000 to £10,000 to support working capital needs such as rent for the current quarter, wages, stock, utility bills and other general running costs.
<b>Cupp – 'On Our Doorsteps'</b> <a href="http://www.brighton.ac.uk/cupp/projects/on%20our%20doorsteps.html">http://www.brighton.ac.uk/cupp/projects/on%20our%20doorsteps.html</a>	Cupp has announced a new initiative within their knowledge exchange work. "On our doorstep" is offering a small amount of seed funding to support new partnership working between University of Brighton staff and communities in the immediate localities of campuses in Brighton, Eastbourne and Hastings. The initiative is now open to enquiries and the deadline for funding applications will be <b>26<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b> .

### Hampshire & Isle of Wight:

#### Local councils:

(county, city, borough and district councils and unitary authorities) – worth keeping an eye on their websites, as some have small pots of funding available for community based projects.

<b>Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk">www.basingstoke.gov.uk</a>
<b>East Hampshire District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.easthants.gov.uk">www.easthants.gov.uk</a>
<b>Eastleigh Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk">www.eastleigh.gov.uk</a>
<b>Fareham Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.fareham.gov.uk">www.fareham.gov.uk</a>
<b>Gosport Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.gosport.gov.uk">www.gosport.gov.uk</a>
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	<a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk">www.hants.gov.uk</a>
<b>Hart District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.hart.gov.uk">www.hart.gov.uk</a>



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<b>Havant Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.havant.gov.uk">www.havant.gov.uk</a>
<b>Isle of Wight Council</b>	<a href="http://www.iwight.com">www.iwight.com</a>
<b>New Forest District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.nfdc.gov.uk">www.nfdc.gov.uk</a>
<b>Portsmouth City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk">www.portsmouth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Rushmoor Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk">www.rushmoor.gov.uk</a>
<b>Southampton City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk">www.southampton.gov.uk</a>
<b>Test Valley Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.testvalley.gov.uk">www.testvalley.gov.uk</a>
<b>Winchester City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.winchester.gov.uk">www.winchester.gov.uk</a>

### Other Hampshire & Isle of Wight schemes:

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### Kent:

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<b>Ashford Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.ashford.gov.uk/">www.ashford.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Canterbury City Council</b>	<a href="http://www.canterbury.gov.uk">www.canterbury.gov.uk</a>
<b>Dartford Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.dartford.gov.uk">www.dartford.gov.uk</a>
<b>Dover District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.dover.gov.uk">www.dover.gov.uk</a>
<b>Gravesham Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.gravesham.gov.uk">www.gravesham.gov.uk</a>
<b>Kent County Council</b>	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk">www.kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Maidstone Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/">www.maidstone.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Medway Council</b>	<a href="http://www.medway.gov.uk">www.medway.gov.uk</a>
<b>Sevenoaks District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk">www.sevenoaks.gov.uk</a>
<b>Shepway District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.shepway.gov.uk">www.shepway.gov.uk</a>



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Swale Borough Council	<a href="http://www.swale.gov.uk">www.swale.gov.uk</a>
Thanet District Council	<a href="http://www.thanet.gov.uk">www.thanet.gov.uk</a>
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	<a href="http://www.tmbc.gov.uk">www.tmbc.gov.uk</a>
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	<a href="http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk">www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk</a>

### Other Kent Schemes:

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<b>Capitalise Business Support</b> <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a>	<p>Capitalise Business Support Limited is a not for private profit Community Development Finance initiative supporting new and existing businesses in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.</p> <p>A subsidiary of Ten Sixty Six Enterprise in Hastings, they offer flexible business loan facilities together with on-going business advice and support from a business mentor:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Business Loan for amounts of £1,000 to £10,000 aimed at start-ups and existing SME's or social enterprises who are unable to access the finance they require from their bank. Repayment period 6 months to 3 years.</li> <li>• Hastings Working Capital Loan to support businesses through cash flow difficulties when they cannot access any, or sufficient, funding from their bank. Repayment period up to 2 years.</li> <li>• Enterprise Finance Guarantee Loan for amounts between £10,000 &amp; £30,000 aimed at profitable and growing established SME's and social enterprises. Repayment period 3months to 10 years.</li> </ul> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a> Telephone 0845 6018326 Email <a href="mailto:info@capitalise.org">info@capitalise.org</a></p>

### Oxfordshire:

#### Local councils:

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Cherwell District Council	<a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk">www.cherwell.gov.uk</a>
Oxford City Council	<a href="http://www.oxford.gov.uk">www.oxford.gov.uk</a>
Oxfordshire County Council	<a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a>



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South Oxfordshire District Council	<a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk">www.southoxon.gov.uk</a>
Vale of White Horse District Council	<a href="http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk">www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk</a>
West Oxfordshire District Council	<a href="http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/">www.westoxon.gov.uk/</a>

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### Surrey:

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Elmbridge Borough Council	<a href="http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk">www.elmbridge.gov.uk</a>
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	<a href="http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk">www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk</a>
Guildford Borough Council	<a href="http://www.guildford.gov.uk">www.guildford.gov.uk</a>
Mole Valley District Council	<a href="http://www.mole-valley.gov.uk/">www.mole-valley.gov.uk/</a>
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	<a href="http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/">www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/</a>
Runnymede Borough Council	<a href="http://www.runnymede.gov.uk">www.runnymede.gov.uk</a>
Spelthorne Borough Council	<a href="http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk">www.spelthorne.gov.uk</a>
Surrey County Council	<a href="http://www.surreycc.gov.uk">www.surreycc.gov.uk</a>
Surrey Heath Borough Council	<a href="http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk">www.surreyheath.gov.uk</a>
Tandridge District Council	<a href="http://www.tandridge.gov.uk">www.tandridge.gov.uk</a>
Waverley Borough Council	<a href="http://www.waverley.gov.uk/">www.waverley.gov.uk/</a>
Woking Borough Council	<a href="http://www.woking.gov.uk/">www.woking.gov.uk/</a>

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### West Sussex:

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<b>Adur District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.adur.gov.uk/">www.adur.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Arun District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.arun.gov.uk/">www.arun.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">www.chichester.gov.uk</a>
<b>Crawley Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.crawley.gov.uk">www.crawley.gov.uk</a>
<b>Horsham District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.horsham.gov.uk/">www.horsham.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Mid Sussex District Council</b>	<a href="http://www.midsussex.gov.uk">www.midsussex.gov.uk</a>
<b>West Sussex County Council</b>	<a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/">www.westsussex.gov.uk/</a>
<b>Worthing Borough Council</b>	<a href="http://www.worthing.gov.uk/">www.worthing.gov.uk/</a>

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<b>The Community Chest</b> <a href="http://www.hall-woodhouse.co.uk/communitychest/west-sussex/overview/index.asp">www.hall-woodhouse.co.uk/communitychest/west-sussex/overview/index.asp</a>	Hall & Woodhouse have small grants of between £300 and £3000 available. Applications are welcome from any voluntary or community organisation or group with a local interest that is based or works in West Sussex for the benefit of local people. Deadline for applications is 28th March
<b>Capitalise Business Support</b> <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a>	Capitalise Business Support Limited is a not for private profit Community Development Finance initiative supporting new and existing businesses in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.  A subsidiary of Ten Sixty Six Enterprise in Hastings, they offer flexible business loan facilities together with on-going business advice and support from a business mentor:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Business Loan for amounts of £1,000 to £10,000 aimed at start-ups and existing SME's or social enterprises who are unable to access the finance they require from their bank. Repayment period 6 months to 3 years.</li> <li>• Hastings Working Capital Loan to support businesses through cash flow difficulties when they cannot access any, or sufficient, funding from their bank. Repayment period up to 2 years.</li> <li>• Enterprise Finance Guarantee Loan for amounts between £10,000 &amp; £30,000 aimed at profitable and growing established SME's and social enterprises. Repayment period 3months to 10 years.</li> </ul> Visit <a href="http://www.capitalise.org">www.capitalise.org</a> Telephone 0845 6018326 Email <a href="mailto:info@capitalise.org">info@capitalise.org</a>
<b>Chichester District Council - Small Business Rent Support</b>	Businesses employing up to 10 staff, and who are proposing to become established or are in the early stages of trading can access support to find appropriate accommodation on terms which will support their business growth in the Chichester District. The scheme therefore provides for the making of a contribution by Chichester District Council to the firm's overhead costs, by the accommodation of the business in premises owned and identified by the Council for that purpose at a rental cost which will be discounted below the established market rate for such accommodation. The subsidy will be in the form of a sliding scale of reduction in rental over a 2-year period at the end of which the occupant will be required to pay a market level rent or vacate to premises elsewhere on the market. Contact for applications: Chichester District Council - Business Tel: 01243 534669 Email: <a href="mailto:business.support@chichester.gov.uk">business.support@chichester.gov.uk</a>
<b>Grant for Village Shops</b>	This scheme provides a grant of up to £5,000 to support improvements to Village Shops in the Chichester area and assist towards their long-term sustainability. Contact for applications: Chichester District Council - Business Tel: 01243 534669 Email: <a href="mailto:business.support@chichester.gov.uk">business.support@chichester.gov.uk</a>



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Regional Schemes	
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<b>The Accelerator Fund</b>	The Accelerator Fund is a £10m initiative managed by Finance South East Ltd to help provide finance for early-stage growth businesses in the South East. The fund acts as mezzanine finance (risk finance) that fills the gap between traditional debt and equity funding. It can act as a stand alone funding source or form part of a larger finance package. Typical terms for the fund include: Loan amount from £25,000 to £100,000. Repayment period from three to seven years. Interest typically about eight percent above base rate but subject to a minimum of six percent above base rate. Contact for applications: Business Link – 0845 6 009 006
<b>Energy Grant 500</b>	SEEDA is offering grant funding of up to £500 to assist small businesses in implementing changes to reduce their energy costs and lower their carbon footprint. The project is available to businesses based in premises that are owned or rented, with an annual energy spend of between £1,500 and £30,000. Home businesses will not be eligible, nor will businesses that have been awarded €200,000 of state aid or grants in the last 3 years. Contact for application: Business Link - 0845 600 9 006
<b>Finance South East Commercialisation Fund</b>	The Commercialisation Fund provides repayable finance to small and medium-sized enterprises for proof of concept and commercialisation activities that enable a new business idea to gain first revenue and market traction. The Fund offers two —phases of investment - the first is dedicated to ventures with a proof-of concept requirement and the second is dedicated to ventures seeking finance for later-stage commercialisation work leading to market entry. Each phase offers funds up to a maximum of £30,000, or up to £60,000 to cover both phases. Contact – Business Link 0845 6 009 006
<b>Grant For Business Investment (GBI)</b> <a href="http://www.grantforbusinessinvestment.com/">http://www.grantforbusinessinvestment.com/</a>	The Grant For Business Investment scheme is a government grant initiative for businesses which serve (or plan to serve) more than a local market. The local Regional Development Agency (SEEDA) administers the grant in the South East. The scheme provides up to 20% grant funding for the acquisition of key assets such as building, machinery or capital equipment in projects which will result in gains in productivity through expansion of the business which includes job creation or safeguarding existing ones. Contact Business Link – 0845 6 009 006 for further info
<b>Grant for Research &amp; Development</b>	The Grant for R&D is BERR's package of financial support helping individuals, small and medium-sized businesses develop technologically innovative products and processes. The local Regional Development Agency (SEEDA) administers the grant in the South East. The currently available schemes are: <b>Proof Of Market</b> Grants of 60% of eligible project, costs to a maximum £20,000 are available for firms under 250 employees to test the commercial potential of an idea for a new technologically innovative product or process. <b>Micro Projects</b> Grants of 45% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of £20,000, are available to help small businesses (under ten employees) with the development of low



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	<p>cost prototypes of products and processes involving technical advances and/or novelty.</p> <p><b>Research Projects</b> Grants of 60% of eligible project, costs to a maximum of £100,000, for small businesses of under 50 employees undertaking experimental groundwork to test the feasibility of innovative technology.</p> <p><b>Development Projects</b> Grants of 35% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of £250,000, to firms of under 250 employees undertaking development projects.</p> <p><b>Exceptional Development Projects</b> Grants of up to 35% of eligible project, costs to a maximum of £500,000, to firms of under 250 employees undertaking development of high cost technologies of strategic importance to UK industry. Contact for further information: Business Link 0845 600 9 006</p>
<p><b>Innovation Vouchers</b> <a href="http://www.stfc.ac.uk">www.stfc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) can get up to £4,000 worth of support from SEEDA to assist their technical development. They will be able to buy access and expertise from the Science &amp; Technology and Facilities Council (STFC) to support innovation and research work that will enable them to develop their products, processes and services. SMEs from all sectors that are based in South East England (SEEDA area) are eligible for the vouchers. The SMEs will be able to use the expertise of the STFC to get help with projects that they themselves do not have the technology or expertise to complete on their own. The scheme is run by the Science &amp; Technology and Facilities Council (STFC) Assistance available from STFC would be provided as redeemable vouchers up to £4,000 per project. Contact for information: John Bancroft, Head of STFC Innovations Business Development Tel: 01925 603 148</p>
<p><b>Private Equity - South East Capital Alliance (SECA)</b></p>	<p>This South East Regional Business Angel network provides a link between private investors and high-growth businesses seeking equity investment. The network is sponsored by Business Link Sussex, Business Link Surrey, Business Link Kent and the Sussex Innovation Centre. It is managed by Finance South East Ltd. Businesses that have been through the investment readiness process may be invited to make presentations to investor groups at bi-monthly SECA meetings. A presentation fee and success fees are charged. Companies interested in seeking equity investment are invited to submit business plans to Business Link Sussex for review. Contact for applications: Business Link – 0845 6 009 006</p>
<p><b>RDPE - Leader and RDPE Direct</b> <a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/rdpe/SEEDA_Funding">www.seeda.co.uk/rdpe/SEEDA_Funding</a></p>	<p>RDPE - Rural Development Programme For England provides a wide range of support for capital and revenue projects and training for farmers, growers, foresters, rural businesses, food businesses and rural communities. In the South East this programme is administered by SEEDA. There are two main programmes of support: Leader and RDPE Direct:</p> <p><b>LEADER</b> - SEEDA has awarded rural development funding to 14 areas across the South East. This includes the Sussex Downs, Low Weald, Three Harbour and Weald &amp; Rother rural areas of Sussex. Local groups based in these areas will decide where the funding will go to ensure it fits local priorities. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and community organisations can apply for funds are to a maximum of £50,000. Funding is available to cover a wide range of rural activities including: Farm Diversification, Tourism Activities, Renewable Energy Projects, Forestry Projects, Village Renewal Projects, Support for Micro Businesses, Rural Heritage Projects.</p>



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	<p>Contact for further information - Sussex Downs, Lower Weald &amp; Three Harbours: Peter Simpson, West Sussex County Council, Tel: 01243 756755 Email: <a href="mailto:rdpeleader@westsussex.gov.uk">rdpeleader@westsussex.gov.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Contact for further information - Weald &amp; Rother: Anne Crone, WARR Partnership, Tel: 01424 787400 Email: <a href="mailto:anne.crone@warrpartnership.org.uk">anne.crone@warrpartnership.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.warrpartnership.org.uk">www.warrpartnership.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>RDPE Direct</b> – For collaborative rural projects seeking support of over £50,000 you can apply to SEEDA directly for support through RDPE. Grants of up to 50% are available for eligible project costs. Full details including a prospectus and application form can be downloaded from the SEEDA website. Interested groups will need to submit an expression of interest to SEEDA after reading and familiarising themselves with these documents. Contact to Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI): Helen Dallas, RDPE Project Coordinator, SEEDA, Tel: 01483 484200 Web: <a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/rdpe/SEEDA_Funding">www.seeda.co.uk/rdpe/SEEDA_Funding</a></p>
<p><b>South East Community Loan Fund</b> <a href="http://www.tself.org.uk/southeast.html">www.tself.org.uk/southeast.html</a></p>	<p>This fund is available to registered charities, who have been unable to access funding from commercial sources such as a bank. Applicants can access between £10,000 and £100,000 for capital equipment costs, property purchases and refurbishment, working capital and bridging finance.</p>



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### National Schemes:

#### Grant Search Databases:

j4b	<a href="http://www.j4b.co.uk/">www.j4b.co.uk/</a>
Government Funding	<a href="http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/">www.governmentfunding.org.uk/</a>
Funder Finder	<a href="http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/">www.funderfinder.org.uk/</a>
Access Funds	<a href="http://www.access-funds.co.uk/">www.access-funds.co.uk/</a>
Grantsnet	<a href="http://www.grantsnet.co.uk/">www.grantsnet.co.uk/</a>
Grants online	<a href="http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/">www.grantsonline.org.uk/</a>
Pro Funding	<a href="http://www.profunding.org.uk/">www.profunding.org.uk/</a>
Trust Funding	<a href="http://www.trustfunding.org.uk/">www.trustfunding.org.uk/</a>

Scheme	Details
<b>Abbey Charitable Trust</b> <a href="http://www.aboutabbey.com">www.aboutabbey.com</a>	This Trust is committed to supporting local communities by funding projects to help disadvantaged people based on education and training, financial advice, and community regeneration.
<b>Architectural Heritage Fund</b> <a href="http://www.ahfund.org.uk/">www.ahfund.org.uk/</a>	Grants for building preservation
<b>The Aspire Fund</b>	The Aspire Fund is a £25m equity initiative for women-led businesses jointly funded by the government and the private sector. The fund will focus in particular on support, guidance and investment readiness assistance to help strengthen the funding propositions from women entrepreneurs. Working through a network of investment readiness providers and programmes, female entrepreneurs will be directed to the fund's investment partners. Aspire is aimed at high-growth businesses seeking an investment of between £100,000 and £2 million to help finance growth. Contact for further information: Business Link – 0845 6 009 006
<b>Awards for All</b> <a href="http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england">www.awardsforall.org.uk/england</a>	
<b>The Baxi Partnership Ltd</b> <a href="http://www.baxipartnership.co.uk">www.baxipartnership.co.uk</a>	Equity investment for employee-owned companies
<b>Beacon Prize</b> <a href="http://www.beaconfellowship.org.uk">www.beaconfellowship.org.uk</a>	This is an annual award scheme to showcase exceptional contributions to charitable and social causes in the UK. Nominations are accepted from charities, voluntary and community organisations and the public in categories including community builder, young philanthropist, effective giving, and new initiatives.



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	One overall winner will receive a prize of £30,000 to give to the charitable cause/s of their choice. Deadline for nominations is 16th April.
<b>Big Issue Invest</b> <a href="http://www.bigissueinvest.com">www.bigissueinvest.com</a>	Existing Loan Fund is open to applications from established social enterprises and trading arms of registered charities based in the UK and provides loans from £50,000 to £250,000. The enterprises need to be located in a deprived area or serving a disadvantaged community, have a sound business proposal, trading history of 2 to 3 years, strong management and the ability to service a debt from future cash flows. Further information on types of our investments can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.bigissueinvest.com">www.bigissueinvest.com</a> where you will also find our Loan application forms
<b>Big Lottery Fund</b> <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a>	Focus on voluntary and community sector infrastructure, children's play, environmental projects, well-being and international aid.
<b>Bridges Community Ventures Ltd</b> <a href="http://www.bridgesventures.com/">www.bridgesventures.com/</a>	Invests equity capital in SME's located in deprived wards and interested in Social Enterprises
<b>Camelot Community Support Programme</b> <a href="http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk">www.camelotfoundation.org.uk</a>	Independent funds to unlock social innovation
<b>Capital For Enterprise Fund</b> <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/realhelp/finance">www.businesslink.gov.uk/realhelp/finance</a>	The Capital For Enterprise Fund helps raise long term finance for viable companies with high levels of existing debt. This £75m equity fund is made of £50m in Government funds and £25m from commercial banks. The fund is aimed at businesses who have exhausted the traditional borrowing capacity and will make investments through professional fund managers between £250,000 and £2m. Contact for applications: Business Link – 0845 6 009 006
<b>Carbon Trust - Energy Efficiency Loans</b> <a href="http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/takingaction/loans.htm">www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/takingaction/loans.htm</a>	Interest free loans are available from the Carbon Trust for small or medium-sized enterprises (SME's) to replace or upgrade your existing equipment with a more energy efficient version. Loans are available from £3,000 to £500,000 which are unsecured, interest free and are repayable over a period of up to four years. Businesses will need to have been trading for at least 12 months before applying and have an acceptable credit rating. Business sectors including Agriculture, Transport, Coal and Export Related activities are excluded under EU de minimis State Aid rules. Contact: Carbon Trust, 8th Floor, 3 St Clement's Inn, London, WC2A 2AZ. Tel: 0800 085 2005
<b>Career Development Loan</b>	Available to individuals who require financial assistance to undertake vocational training. Loans of between £300 and £8,000 are available. The course is suitable for the work you want to do and lasts up to two years. The loans are available for up to 80% of course fees, plus books, materials and other course expenses, and in some cases living expenses if you are on a full-time course. The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) will pay the interest due on the loan for the duration of the course and for up to one month afterwards. It's up to borrowers to repay the loan plus any further interest in installments. You may train full-time or part-time or use open learning. Contact for further information: Business Link Skills – 0845 6 009 006
<b>Charity Bank</b> <a href="http://www.charitybank.org/">www.charitybank.org/</a>	Makes loans to registered charities only
<b>Charities Information Bureau (CIB)</b> <a href="http://www.cibfunding.org.uk">www.cibfunding.org.uk</a>	Resource for funding for Charities



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<b>Co-operative and Community Finance</b> <a href="http://www.icof.co.uk/">www.icof.co.uk/</a>	Established loan fund for co-operatives and social enterprises for 36 years
<b>Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFI's)</b> <a href="http://www.cdfa.org.uk/">www.cdfa.org.uk/</a>	Independent financial institutions providing capital and support to develop and create wealth in disadvantaged communities
<b>Community Matters Funding</b> <a href="http://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk">www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk</a>	Waitrose is awarding £2.2m over the next year to around 7000 charities. The scheme allocates £1000 to each Waitrose branch to be distributed to three community projects chosen by customers and employees.
<b>Edge Upstarts Awards</b> <a href="http://www.edgeupstarts.org">www.edgeupstarts.org</a>	Awards programme for businesses that offer innovative and sustainable solutions to business problems
<b>Enham</b> <a href="http://www.enham.org.uk/pages/business_ability_selfemployment.html">www.enham.org.uk/pages/business_ability_selfemployment.html</a>	Enham's Business Ability Division provides a free and confidential service, which helps people with disabilities throughout the South East of England, start their own businesses. Part of this service is their Work Preparation programme which provides funding support to assist with start-up costs. This also includes mentoring and help with preparing a business plan. Contact for information about the Enham Programme - 01264 345851
<b>Enterprise Finance Guarantee</b> <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsdDetail?type=GSD&amp;itemId=1081834978">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsdDetail?type=GSD&amp;itemId=1081834978</a>	Offers a means of obtaining finance for small businesses that cannot otherwise do so by providing a Government guarantee against default by borrowers, the scheme enables banks and other financial institutions to lend money for projects which would otherwise present too great a financial risk. The Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) guarantee 75% of loans up to £1,000,000 with banks covering the remaining 25%. The loan is repayable over a period of up to ten years and a premium of two percent per year is charged by BIS on the outstanding amount on the loan. To be eligible you must be a UK business with a turnover of no more than £25 million seeking loans of £1,000 through to £1 million.
<b>The Enterprise Investment Scheme</b>	The Enterprise Investment Scheme allows qualifying unquoted trading companies to raise new equity finance of up to £1 million per tax year. The finance is raised from individuals who may each invest up to £500,000 per tax year and receive tax relief at the basic rate - currently 20% - on the cost of the investment. Provided an investment is held for three years (five years if it was invested prior to 6th April 2000), it is exempt from capital gains tax when sold. Loss relief is available to investors, against other taxable income or capital gains, should the investment fail or be realised at a loss. The relief is at an investor's highest rate of tax, currently 40%. An investor previously unconnected with a company may become a paid director, encouraging investment by 'business angels' who may also be able to provide substantial business experience. Contact for further information: Business Link - 0845 600 9 006
<b>Esmee Fairbairn</b> <a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/</a>	Seeks to improve the quality of life, particularly for people and communities that face disadvantage
<b>European Research Funding (The Seventh Framework)</b> <a href="http://www.fp7uk.co.uk">www.fp7uk.co.uk</a>	The seventh framework program funds research and innovation in the areas of science, engineering and technology. The majority of the budget is divided into seven thematic programmes, which are: Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health; Information society technologies; Nanotechnologies, multifunctional materials and new production processes; Aeronautics and space Food quality and safety; Sustainable development. Global change and



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	ecosystems (including energy and transport research); Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society. A minimum of 15% of the budget of each Thematic Programme is set aside for SME's in the EU. Contact for information: Technology Strategy Board - Tel: 0870 6006080
<b>FASILIS (Facility Sharing in Life Sciences) Project</b> <a href="http://www.e-nough.biz/FASILISNewsflash01.pdf">www.e-nough.biz/FASILISNewsflash01.pdf</a>	On 10 March 2010, a call for vouchers in the European FASILIS project will be launched. SME's in Human Health (biotechnology, pharmacy and medical biology) to apply between March 10 and May 21 for vouchers that will give them access to top quality international research and development facilities. Together they can execute short innovation projects. FASILIS is an international pilot project aiming to stimulate connections between SMEs and a European network of public and private (research) facilities in six participating regions in the Netherlands, Belgium, England, Germany and Denmark.
<b>Fredericks Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.fredericksfoundation.org">www.fredericksfoundation.org</a>	The Fredericks Foundation is a charity providing support to disadvantaged people who are looking to start up their own business. They offer repayable loans of up to £5,000 to start-ups who have been refused a loan application by a financial institution such as a bank. They focus their support on four groups of people: Financial Hardship, Unemployed, Single parents, Ex-offenders . Contact for applications: Fredericks Foundation, Fredericks House, 39 Guildford Road, Light Water, Surrey, GU18 5SA Tel: 01276 472722 Fax: 01276 472005
<b>Futurebuilders</b> <a href="http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk">www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk</a>	Fund that enables the voluntary and community sector to engage in the delivery of public services
<b>Goodwill Gallery</b> <a href="http://www.goodwillgallery.co.uk/">http://www.goodwillgallery.co.uk/</a>	Donated products and services for Charities
<b>Grant For Business Investment (GBI)</b> <a href="http://www.grantforbusinessinvestment.com/">http://www.grantforbusinessinvestment.com/</a>	The Grant For Business Investment scheme is a government grant initiative for businesses which serve (or plan to serve) more than a local market. The local Regional Development Agency (SEEDA) administers the grant in the South East. The scheme provides up to 20% grant funding for the acquisition of key assets such as building, machinery or capital equipment in projects which will result in gains in productivity through expansion of the business which includes job creation or safeguarding existing ones. Contact Business Link – 0845 6 009 006 for further info
<b>Grant for Research &amp; Development</b>	The Grant for R&D is BERR's package of financial support helping individuals, small and medium-sized businesses develop technologically innovative products and processes. The local Regional Development Agency (SEEDA) administers the grant in the South East. The currently available schemes are: <b>Proof Of Market</b> Grants of 60% of eligible project, costs to a maximum £20,000 are available for firms under 250 employees to test the commercial potential of an idea for a new technologically innovative product or process. <b>Micro Projects</b> Grants of 45% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of £20,000, are available to help small businesses (under ten employees) with the development of low cost prototypes of products and processes involving technical advances and/or novelty.



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	<p><b>Research Projects</b> Grants of 60% of eligible project, costs to a maximum of £100,000, for small businesses of under 50 employees undertaking experimental groundwork to test the feasibility of innovative technology.</p> <p><b>Development Projects</b> Grants of 35% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of £250,000, to firms of under 250 employees undertaking development projects.</p> <p><b>Exceptional Development Projects</b> Grants of up to 35% of eligible project, costs to a maximum of £500,000, to firms of under 250 employees undertaking development of high cost technologies of strategic importance to UK industry. Contact for further information: Business Link 0845 600 9 006</p>
<p><b>Impetus Trust</b> <a href="http://www.impetus.org.uk/">www.impetus.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Long term funding and capacity building for larger charities</p>
<p><b>International support</b></p>	<p>There is a range of services available from Business Link in conjunction with UK Trade &amp; Investment (the export service of BIS) to assist new and experienced exporters. Some of these include funding as part of a package. Grants from UK Trade &amp; Investment are also available for participants on their inward and outward trade missions and for certain overseas trade fairs. Further details and an information sheet on the range of International Trade Services offered by Business Link can be obtained from the Business Link on 0845 600 9 006</p>
<p><b>Livewire</b> <a href="http://www.shell-livewire.org">www.shell-livewire.org</a></p>	<p>Livewire is a programme supported nationally by Shell UK to help young people aged between 16 and 30 years start their own business. Through a network of co-ordinators and advisers it offers help putting together a business plan, business start up awards, and post start up guidance. Contact for applications: Livewire, Hawthorn House, Forth Banks, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3SG Tel: 0845 757 3252</p>
<p><b>Lloyds TSB Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk">www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Grant-making trust for charities</p>
<p><b>Local Investment Fund</b> <a href="http://www.lif.org.uk/">www.lif.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Provides loans to SMEs and social enterprises through a network of regional loan funds</p>
<p><b>Manufacturing Advice Service (MAS) - Match Funding</b></p>	<p>The Manufacturing Advisory Service is currently offering up to £1,250 of matched funding towards Low Carbon and Advanced Manufacturing specialist advice services to support your business. MAS-SE are looking to assist programmes of work that can be shown to demonstrate added value to your business. These programmes will include some form of third party external specialist support, bringing additional knowledge or skills (possibly temporarily) to your business, and it is this external support that MAS-SE has limited funding to help finance. Contact for applicants: Stuart Wood, Manufacturing Advice Service Tel: 0845 609 2121</p>
<p><b>Nova Scarman Trust</b> <a href="http://www.novascarman.org/">www.novascarman.org/</a></p>	<p>Funding opportunities for community projects</p>
<p><b>OnlyConnect</b> <a href="http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect">http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect</a></p>	<p>OnlyConnect is a visit scheme sponsored by Triodos Bank which enables you to visit another voluntary and community organisation (VCO) to learn about their experiences. Successful applicants get £150 for time and travel to visit another</p>



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	organisation to learn how they have diversified their income through trading, public service delivery or by using loan finance. Most organisations are paid £200 as a consultation fee for their time spent with you. To learn more about the scheme and to download an application form please visit the website or contact 0207 520 2519.
<b>Percy Bilton Charity</b>	Grants for charities that support people with disabilities – two types of funding; Main funding – for major building/refurbs and Small Grants. Tel: 020 8579 2829
<b>PRIME</b> <a href="http://www.primeinitiative.co.uk/">www.primeinitiative.co.uk/</a>	Business start-up support for over 50s including access to finance and has CDFI facility
<b>The Prince's Trust</b> <a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/">www.princes-trust.org.uk/</a>	National charity supporting young people into business, including social enterprise
<b>Royal British Legion: Small Business Advisory Service &amp; Loan Scheme</b>	The Legion's Small Business Loan Scheme will consider applications from Service leavers or un-employed ex-Service people eligible for Ordinary membership of The Royal British Legion requiring financial help to start their business. The amount of the loan is up to £5000 and the loan term will be up to three years interest free, but there is an administrative charge and security fee. Applicants in the first instance should apply for a small business starter pack from the address below. Contact for applications: Small Business Advisory Officer, The Cottage, Ordnance Road, Tidworth, Wiltshire, SP9 7QD Tel: 01980 847753 Fax: 01980 847734
<b>The Step Programme for undergraduates</b> <a href="http://www.step.org.uk">www.step.org.uk</a>	This programme is a work placement scheme designed to help small businesses utilise the skills of local undergraduates.
<b>Social Enterprise Investment Fund</b> <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/SocialEnterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund/index.htm">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/SocialEnterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund/index.htm</a>	The Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF) provides investment to help new social enterprises start up and existing social enterprises grow and improve their services. We work to support social enterprises in the delivery of innovative health and social care services.
<b>Train To Gain</b>	For organisations with 5 to 250 employees, Train To Gain offer an in-depth skills analysis for owner/managers to identify personal training and development requirements, plus grant support of up to £1000 to develop their leadership and management skills. The first £500 is available to managing directors, owner manage and company directors. A further grant of up to £500, which must be matched funded is available to any senior manger or the management team. Training which is a legal or statutory requirement or for Investors in People will not be eligible. Contact for further information - Business Link Skills, Tel: 0845 600 9 006
<b>Triodos Bank</b> <a href="http://www.triodos.co.uk/">www.triodos.co.uk/</a>	Provides loans as well as arranging other forms of capital finance, including public equity offers. Specialises in supporting social and ethical firms and projects
<b>Unity Trust Bank</b> <a href="http://www.unity.uk.com/">www.unity.uk.com/</a>	Owned by the trade union movement and has a track record of lending to social economy projects
<b>Venturesome Fund</b> <a href="http://www.cafonline.org/default.aspx?page=6903">www.cafonline.org/default.aspx?page=6903</a>	Finance in the form of loans or equity, which can be used for income-generating activities for Charities



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### **Zopa—Prime Olderpreneur Loan**

[www.primebusinessclub.co.uk/loan-fund](http://www.primebusinessclub.co.uk/loan-fund)

To help people aged over 50 get access to funds to become self-employed or set up their own business, PRIME has arranged an innovative loan scheme together with Zopa Ltd and the charitable arm of Bank of America. It does have funds to lend despite the credit crunch - but the application process is highly competitive. So this scheme is not for everyone, but only those with a strong viable business proposition.

Contact for further information: PRIME Initiative, Tel: 0800 783 1904